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In re application of:

Frank J. Gonzalez and
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Application No.: 09/308,080

Filed: October 28, 1999

For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS
FOR DETECTING DIHYDROPYRIMIDINE
DEHYDROGENASE SPLICING
MUTATIONS

Examiner: Steadman, D

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed July 2, 2002, Applicants submit some Amendments and Remarks in order to place the application in condition for allowance or in better condition for an Appeal.

Applicants have filed a petition for an extension of time to the present date with payment of the appropriate fee. Applicants have also filed a Notice of Appeal.